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A MESSAGING METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SENDING AND RECEIVE MESSAGES IN A CLIENT SERVER ENVIRONMENT OVER MULTIPLE

WIRELESS NETWORKS

## AMENDMENT

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For:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2001, please reconsider the Sir: above-identified application for allowance and amend the application as follows:

## In the Claims:

(Amended) A messaging system for communicating messages in a client-server environment over a plurality of wireless networks, each multiple network supporting a respective network protocol, said messaging system comprising:

a plurality of client applications, each client application executed by a respective client device;

a plurality of server applications executed by a back-end server;

a server class configured to encapsulate a network communications protocol; and

a plurality of protocol gateways connected to the back-end server, each protocol

gateway supporting a different wireless network protocol and each protocol gateway utilizing said server class to encapsulate a respective transport header of a message from one client application of said plurality of client applications to said back-end server so that said back-end server is unaware of said respective wireless network protocol.

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